Assistance to mango growers

3726. DR. AKHILESH DAS : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the unusually cold spell during the last phase of winter this year has caused enormous damage to mango trees in Hoshiarpur (Punjab) and areas around other parts or North India, especially in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, how far the mango fields of different varieties has been affected this year, giving comparative figures of production for the last five years; and

(c) the Central assistance sought and given to mango growers to help to cope with the loss?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV) : (a) There has been some loss in production of mango in certain areas like Hoshiarpur, Punjab due to the unusual cold spell during the last phase of winter this year. However, no such losses of mango trees has been reported from other parts of North India, especially in Uttar Pradesh.

(b) The level of loss and area under different varieties of mango affected in Hoshiarpur district is as under :—

Level of loss	Area Affected (Ha.)		
(%)	Desi	Grafted	Total
80	95	380	475
60	16	90	106
40	4	60	64

The comparative figures of production of mango for the last five years in Punjab is given in the Statement enclosed (*See* below).

(c) No Central Assistance has been sought by any State Government to help the mango growers to cope with the loss.

Statement

The production of mangoes in Punjab during the last five years

Production of Mango in Punjab

Year	Production (MT)
1998-99	28506
1999-2000	15720
2000-01	16480
2001-02	16440
2002-03	12000

Krishi Vigyan Kendras in U.P.

†3727. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the location-wise details of grants extended to Krishi Vigyan Kendras functioning in Uttar Pradesh during the last three years; and

(b) the details of programmes carried out by these kendras for the benefit of farmers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV) : (a) During the last three years (2000-01 to 2002-03) an amount of Rs. 2294.77 lakhs were released to 32 Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVK) in Uttar Pradesh. The location-wise details of grants extended are given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below).

(b) During the last one year the details of programmes carried out by these kendras were as follows :

- 4,121 training programmes benefiting 22,451 farmers, 4,864 rural youths and 6,023 extension personnel.
- 2,585 frontline demonstrations on oilseeds, pulses and other important crops.
- 1,570 extension activities like field days, kisan melas, kisan gosthies and exhibitions.
- Production of 498 tonnes of seeds and 2.40 lakhs of seedlings/saplings for availability to the farmers.

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